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1. The purchasing functions of the Chinese trade delegation may be taken over by an East German organization which has its offices in the Leipzigerstrasse in East Berlin. [redacted] the Chinese trade delegation has not done any business with West German business men for almost a month.
2. The delegation was hampered by a lack of cash, and did not have specific instructions as to what should be bought. The members of the delegation have been receiving salesmen only since 20 February 1953 because they did not do business during the Chinese New Year. Apparently the Chinese are still deficient in cash but West German firms are willing to make some barter deals with them. The West Germans are particularly eager to obtain antimony for hard steel processes.
3. One West German firm offered to make shipments via parcel post to Communist China and asked if payment would be made upon presentation of the Swiss parcel post receipts. The reply was that they would be interested only if the parcel post receipt was from some post office in the DDR.  
The delegation has refused some offers which were made F.O.B. Hamburg and other west European cities. The delegation is reported to have said that the offers should be made F.O.B. Taku Bar.

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